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In re the Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR THE DETERMINING THE DENSITY OF AN ELECTROLYTE

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the three non-English language references filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on March 11, 2002 and listed again on the attached Form PTO 1449.

DE-A-24 15 033 (TUDOR AB)

This document discloses a device for determination of the density of an electrolyte contained in the cell of an electrical lead accumulator. The device includes two tubes submerged into the electrolyte and equally filled with air. After submerging the tubes into the electrolyte the air is blown out from the cell. The density of the electrolyte is determined on the basis of the pressure difference between the two tubes. The device shows a specific arrangement for the fluid connection between the tubes and a cover of the cell.

FR-A-1 429 352 (M.E.C.I.)

This document discloses a device for determination of the density of a liquid by determining the pressure difference between two tubes. Each tube is submerged into a corresponding vessel. A flow of gas is blown through each tube whereby the tubes present openings at side walls at the bottom of the tubes.

DE-A-30 30 779 (KAPPUS)

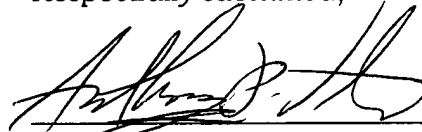
The third non-English language reference is discussed in the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 of the application.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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